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**SUBJECT: Statement on the Relative Positions of the CCP and the
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Although the Chinese Communist Party continues to pay lip service to the "leadership" role of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, there is increasing evidence that the CCP is approaching, if it has not already attained, a coordinate position with the CPSU in the direction of the world Communist movement. The Mao-Krushchev conference in Peking at the time of the Middle East crisis, the Chinese initiative in the attack upon the Yugoslavs, the Chinese statements that in the creation of the communes they have found the "best form" for the transition to Communism are all indications of a Chinese claim to equality with the CPSU both in the formulation of tactics and in the interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. Other Communist parties, not only in Asia and Africa, but in Latin-America and even in Europe, are beginning to look to Peking as well as to Moscow for guidance. The CPSU has not yet directly challenged this new position of the CCP but there are signs that Moscow may not be completely happy over it. However, in view of the mutual dependence of the two countries and the general identity of at least their immediate aims, it is not likely that any conflict over their relative position will be allowed to develop in the near future.

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In consequence of this increasing status of the CCP in the world Communist movement we may expect to find, in the immediate future and throughout the world, an intensification of Chinese Communist activity including overt diplomatic, propaganda and economic offensives as well as a variety of clandestine, subversive activities.

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